an amount has to be spent, they don't have any idea about the largeness or the smallness of the question, what they think must be had, will be asked for and usually used to be granted. Hereafter it is going to be a period of trial and travail for the Government if they will not study their problems properly, if they do not think out the question properly, if they do not make the motion in the manner a motion has to be made and if they do not react to the suggestions that are made from this side of the house. I warn the Government, Sir, that it is going to be a period of travail for them. No amount will be granted unto them to be wasted. This money is had into your treasuries by the sweat of the brow of the agriculturist who is drowning under grinding poverty of ages. There is no use, Sir, in looking at the villages from the cars through their windows. One has to be in their midst, one has to know their real condition if one is to work for improving their condition, unless the Government are prepared to do things like that, certainly things will not be easy. I oppose this demand.

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Developement):* One or two points raised by the Hon. Member Mr. Krishnan Ezhuthassan, regarding the supply of food, clothing and other things to the poor patients can be answered by stating that the Department is doing that now. I cannot say to what extent, the department is supplying, clothing, food and kerosine to poor patients. Then regarding the question of nursing the patients who are attacked by small-pox, of course, I must admit that large scale arrangements are not made for nursing them, with the hope and expectation that their relations will do so.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam):* Are there any arrangements?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):* There are some sheds and those are taken to the sheds who are looked after there.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam):* How many such sheds are there?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Developement);* There are number of sheds in the Municipal areas, but not in village areas.

There are people who cannot be looked after in their houses, such people are brought over or taken over to the sheds where they will be looked after. In the houses, no doubt we have made no arrangements for looking after the patients and nursing them because that will involve large expenditure and if it is found necessary.....

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oroakam):* Is it the expenditure that stands in the way?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):* It is one and we must get proper nurses also. It is an epidemic and people will not be easily forth-comming to attend on such patients. Therefore, as far as the Government is concerned we can give the assurance that all necessary steps will be taken by the Government to prevent the spread of the disease as well as to stop it. Of course it will not be possible to Government to give an assurance as required by the Hon. Member for Wadakancheri this moment, this hour and all that—Government can give only an assurance that they will take all possible precautions to see that this scourge is prevented and removed. I can assure the Hon. Member that I along with the other members of the Government are anxious to see that this disease is once and for all eradicated from the state and if possible prevent its recurrence. Of course, the Hon. Member's experience as also my experience will certainly be utilised but there must be some time for that. I hope having that experience I may utilise that experience for tackling this question also. With this observation I hope the Hon. Members will be pleased to sanction this allotment.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam):* Can the Government give an assurance that proper sanitary and clothing arrangements will be made for all the poor patients?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):* We will try.

Mr. President: The Hon: Minister has closed the debate with his reply.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam):* Sir, I do not press my opposition.

Demands put and carried

26. 19. Sanitation and conservancy-Cleaning charges (Cranganur)

27. 19. Sanitation and conservancy-Dearness allowance

28. 19. Sanitation and conservancy-Rent

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Developemnt):* I rise to move the additional allotments of Rs. 350, Rs. 1,418 and Rs. 24, under "19-Sanitation and Conservancy-(Cranganur)". The pay of the scavengers was enhanced from Rs. 10, to Rs. 12 with effect from 1st Chingam

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